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Sir:

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Japanese Laid Open Patent Publication No. 4-97221 (Japanese Utility Model Application No. 005382/1991) appears to disclose a blower with a plurality of heat exchangers. The International search report indicates that the full text and all of the drawings are relevant to this application and PCT claims 1-8.

Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 2000-74409 discloses an indoor unit of an air conditioner that includes a heat exchanger. In this configuration, the height at which the front drain pan and the rear drain pan are different. The front drain pan is disposed lower and the rear drain pan is disposed higher, or the front drain pan is disposed higher and the rear drain pan is disposed lower. Only English abstract attached.

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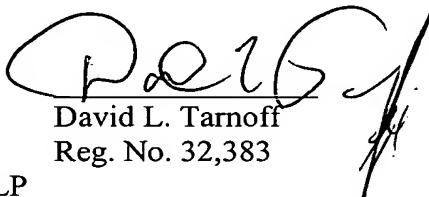
Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 2001-4162 appears to disclose a system having a heat exchanger that is formed by combining a plurality of heat transfer tubes.

Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 2002-206770 discloses an air conditioner having a plurality of heat exchangers. The International search report indicates that the full text and all of the drawings are relevant to this application and PCT claims 1-8. An English abstract is also provided to better understand this publication

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Prompt examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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